

At a time when the US and World economy is contracting, the lifting of the ban of cross-ownership of television stations, newspapers and radio stations in a single market is counter expansion and will exacerbate the economic contraction.

In addition, lifting the band will further homogenize an already homogenized industry where innovative perspectives and analysis are almost non-existent.

Given the current international crisis which exist following the tragedies in NY, VA and PA, many American heard the wholly unacceptable position from major media outlets, that it was the decision of parent companies to discontinue foreign correspondents which created the vacuum of information regarding international conditions.

This leads to the conclusion that since many of these parent companies are global or multinational, that they do not understand that the backbone of globalization is predicated on a understanding of the vast array of complex cultures in which they will have to conduct business. Therefore, the question has to be asked how can such shallow thinking and planning organizations be trusted to communicate the realities of the world or this nation and American citizens?

More importantly, how can Americans be competitive globally if they do not have diverse sources of information from which to garner information and formulate competitive strategies?

The preponderance of our current economic situation indicates that we need more diversity to stimulate a robust economy, not less, which the lifting of this ban will promote and encourage.